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Customer workshop to feature high tech gadgets

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MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE - GUNTER ANNEX, Ala. – Acquisition novices interested in ordering a hand-held personal digital assistant, or savvy E-commerce techies interested in the latest gadgets are invited to attend a customer workshop, hosted by the Standard Systems Group's Acquisition Directorate (AQ). The workshop will be held 13-15 April at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Montgomery Conference Center in Montgomery.

According to the workshop chairman 2nd Lt Michael Johnson, the workshop guarantees to be a first class opportunity for AQ industry partners and government customers to meet, interact, discuss new technology, examine market trends, and develop requirement based solutions. "This workshop will give our customers an opportunity to reach out and touch items they might be interested in buying."

Vendors currently holding contracts with the AQ directorate and lining the virtual shelves of Air Force Way (https://afway.af.mil) will be present, showcasing the latest in hardware, software, and information services. Seminars highlighting everything from how to use the AFWAY -

program to new contracts, such as the Systems, Accessories and Rugged Devices BPA, will be featured.

AQ manages 52 contracts and blanket purchase agreements with multiple contractors to supply commercial hardware, software and services that run both commercial and government application software. Leveraging U.S. Air Force volume buying power reduces costs.

AQ BPAs are the Air Force Materiel Command's preferred source for IT equipment, and all DoD organizations and other federal agencies authorized to place orders using a GSA schedule are authorized to use these BPAs.

The Standard Systems Group, located at Maxwell AFB's Gunter Annex, provides and sustains combat support information systems for the Air Force and Department of Defense. The group procures leading edge information technology products used by virtually every organization on Air Force military bases worldwide.

For more information on the free workshop, visit https://web1.ssg.gunter.af.mil/Aqworkshop.